

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 16 JULY 2018 AT 7.15 PM
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

Present: Cllrs D D'Lima (Chair), I Cassidy, J Catchpole, N Kaines and J Orlopp and County Cllr Mrs J Storey and District Cllr R Barker. Mrs A Bryant (clerk) was also in attendance. Members of the public also attended.

27 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for 2018/2019**

Cllr Kaines proposed that Cllr Cassidy be appointed Vice Chairman for 2018 - 2019. Cllr Orlopp seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Cllr Cassidy then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

All those present thanked Cllr Orlopp for all the hard work undertaken whilst appointed as Vice Chairman.

28 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Godfrey.

29 **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Catchpole declared an interest in agenda item 13 regarding Street Farm, The Street, as outlined on his Register of Interest form.

30 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Chairman summarised the minutes for the benefit of members of the public who had not read them. Cllr Catchpole proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 21 May 2018 be approved. Cllr Cassidy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

31 **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

Minute 13: Elmswell Parish Council A1088 discussion: Cllr D'Lima advised no additional information had been received. County Cllr Mrs Storey added that it could be linked to the ongoing works to the A14 and the possible diversion along the A1088, which would have required traffic lights under the railway bridge. She was unaware of any proposal to lift the current restrictions on that road.

Minute 24: Bottle Bank Open Area: Cllr D'Lima stated that he had contacted MSDC regarding the planting of communal fruit trees. It had been confirmed that MSDC had no objections to the proposal.

Minute 25: Dog Bins: The Clerk informed that MSDC did not have the capacity to increase the emptying of the dog bins, however they had proposed the installation of an additional bin directly adjacent the current one. The Clerk had replied to MSDC enquiring into any costs involved and received no response to date.

32 **County Councillors Report:** County Cllr Mrs Storey reported the following and took questions:-

'On 27 June 2018, SCC launched a consultation on the proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education provision for children and young people. Suffolk's parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are being invited to have their say. Demand for specialist places in Suffolk continues to grow and SCC must ensure there is the right provision in place to support children and young people with SEND.

Currently, SCC have a lower number of specialist education places than other similar authorities and have a high reliance on independent special school placements. The six-week consultation is asking for views from the public on two main issues :-

- The key principles that will inform Suffolk's future commissioning of specialist education provision; and
- Preference for one of three options, each of which sets out a different commissioning strategy for the development of Suffolk's specialist educational provision.

The options are :-

- Option 1 – to meet all additional growth for new specialist places through the independent sector
- Option 2 - to meet most of the additional growth by developing new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of children with very specialist needs
- Option 3 - to meet the additional growth by a combination of new specialist support centres attached to existing main stream and specialist providers and new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of very specialist needs

The consultation closes at 5.00 pm on 7 August 2018. More information is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDSufficiencyeducation.

On 22 June 2018, a major review was launched on the way highways in Suffolk are maintained. The review will explore how Suffolk's limited highways budget can be used to best effect when maintaining the county's roads, pavements, bridges, grass verges, and other highways assets. Areas to be reviewed include :-

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP)
- How utility companies coordinate roadworks and are held to account for their actions
- How residents, councillors and businesses are informed about road repairs and how they can access information
- The approach to, and importance of, innovation within Suffolk Highways
- Financial control and contract management
- How the location of potholes on the road is considered alongside the width and depth, recognising the impact they can have on cyclists and motorcyclists
- How town and parish councils can work closer with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.

On 21 June 2018, homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups were invited to register their interest in buying high quality, low-cost solar panels. Solar Together Suffolk is a pioneering bulk-buying project, supported by SCC and local borough and district councils which aims to bring affordable solar power to Suffolk and boost the county's renewable energy.

The project will come at a time when many residents are interested in exploring solar energy but would welcome a helping hand to make an informed decision. Similar projects have delivered a discount of 25 – 30% to homeowners on the cost of a solar panel system. Typically, domestic users can expect their investment in solar panels to be repaid within 10 years.

On 12 June 2018, SCC's Public Health and OneLife Suffolk launched a campaign to raise awareness of how diabetes can be prevented or managed. Approximately 38,000 people are living with diabetes in Suffolk, a number which increases by 5% a year. Diabetes is a

lifelong condition that causes a person's blood sugar level to become too high. There are two main types of diabetes, type 1 and type 2. Type 1 means the body cannot produce insulin and type 2 means the body either doesn't produce enough insulin or the body's cells don't react to insulin. Around 60% of type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented by making simple lifestyle changes and early identification and support can significantly reduce their chances of developing it in the future.

The NHS health check performed by OneLife Suffolk offers a simple blood test called an HbA1c to anyone identified as being at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Visit onelifesuffolk.co.uk to find out more. Those ineligible to receive an NHS Health Check, can check whether they may be at risk by using the diabetes risk score calculator at www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk/diabetes.

On 12 June 2018, a consultation launched on updated proposals for sand and gravel sites with communities being invited to have their say. SCC, as a minerals and waste planning authority, is required as part of the planning framework to make provision for sand and gravel supplies. The public consultation opened at 5.00 pm on 11 June 2018 and runs until 5.00 pm on 23 July 2018.

In response to feedback from previous consultation in 2017, three of the proposed sites have been reduced in area and additional policies introduced on all proposed sites. There are 10 minerals sites included in the consultation but locally the site borders Wetherden/Elmswell/Woolpit. There will be 10 consultation events where members of the public can learn more about the preferred sites, speak to members of the minerals and waste team and fill in the consultation survey. To find out more about these drop-in events, visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Cllr D'Lima updated County Cllr Mrs Storey on the purchasing and installation of VAS in Stowlangtoft. He reminded the Cllr that she had previously agreed to provide funding towards the project. County Cllr Mrs Storey again agreed to provide funding to fill in a gap in funding. She added that the funding would come from her Highways Locality budget and requested that an email be sent to her outlining what was required.

District Cllr Barker highlighted to the County Cllr that the verges had not been cut within the rural areas, making roads dangerous and suggested that perhaps SCC could employ local farmers to undertake the work as many other County Councils do **The County Cllr agreed to check and report back.**

(County Cllr Mrs Storey left the meeting at 7.45 pm)

33 **District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr Barker report the following and took questions:-

The District Cllr put out a plea on behalf of the Fire and Police services. He stated that the current weather was causing logistical issues for the Fire service and reminded all present to do as much as possible to prevent fires. He reminded people to ensure cigarette ends were properly out and that BBQs were only held in safe environments as the ground is tinder dry and easy to catch light. He added that a white van with a roof rack had been circulated on Farmwatch. The van had been circulating the area. Any sightings should be reported immediately.

The District Cllr reiterated his concern at the condition of the roads in all the villages.

Finally, he reported that MSDC had a full complement of Planning officers and at present had a 5 year supply of land, which gave MSDC more control over planning applications and more control over applications from developers.

(District Cllr Barker left the meeting at 7.55 pm)

- 34 **Police Report:** The report available on the website covers 22 wards in the Stowmarket area is dated February 2018.

You said:

Concerned about ASB (anti social behaviour) and criminal damage in and around Mendlesham.

Concerned about ASB and drug use around the Cedars Park area of Stowmarket.

We did:

Local teams carried out targetted patrols, engaged with local young people and identified some of those involved in ASB, who have been dealt with.

Local teams have identified ring leaders, made arrests, and made use of Community Protection Notices.

Responding to issues in your community:

The Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) hold weekly meetings and monthly appoint locations for high visibility patrols and priorities. These locations are selected by analysing data, looking at current events and liaising with local residents.

There are a number of ASB incidents in Cedars Park reported to the Police. These reports include the anti social use of vehicles and drug use by youths at the Park area.

Point of contact for your Safer Neighbourhood Team: Sergeant 1550 Lisa Vaughan
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- 35 **Speed Reactive Sign Procurement:** In the absence of Cllr Godfrey, Cllr D'Lima reported that the installation of the poles for the signs was progressing, however there was a 6 week lead in time. County Cllr Mrs Storey again reiterated that she would use her locality budget to make good any shortfall between the money already raised by the Parish Council and that required for the purchase of a SID. **Cllr Godfrey to submit a detailed breakdown of our financial request to County Cllr Mrs Storey.**

- 36 **Clerk's report:** The Clerk had no issues to report.

- 37 **St George's Church:** Cllr Orlopp informed those present that the PCC desperately needed to obtain funding for St George's Church due to the deficit created by the loss of the income from the fireworks display. Cllr Orlopp queried whether the precept could be used to address some of the shortfall or whether the MSDC locality awards could be used. The Parish Council felt that if the precept were to be an option then perhaps a Parish Meeting, inviting all residents, could be help to obtain their views.

Various funding streams were raised for further consideration, such as a mobile phone mast and allowing people to sleep over night inside the church. Options would be discussed by the PCC and fed back to the next meeting of the Parish Council in September 2018.

- 38 **Finance Report:** The Clerk reported that the Data Protection Act 2018 required all organisations processing personal information to pay a Data Protection Fee (unless exempt). The Parish Council would need to be registered online and the relevant fee paid. The Clerk stated that at present, the amount due was unknown.

Councillors agreed the financial report and the cheques were signed.

- 39 **Planning matters:** The following planning applications had been received since the last meeting. The Parish Council had submitted their comments online to MSDC Planning Department.

DC/18/02275 – Planning application for erection of 1 number detached dwelling and garage and creation of new vehicular access at land at Street Farm, The Street, Stowlangtoft. The Parish Council submitted no comment.

DC/18/02532 – Planning application for erection of 2 number four bedroom houses, garages, vehicular access and landscaping following demolition of Glebe Farmhouse at Glebe Farm, Ixworth Road, Stowlangtoft. The Parish Council raised no objections.

The Chairman summarised the procedure followed when a planning application was received outside the normal bi-monthly Parish Council meetings. Namely it being impractical to call a special meeting for every planning application received. In this situation, Cllrs are asked to circulate their comments via email prior to the Clerk submitting a consolidated response to MSDC.

- 40 **Highway matters:** Cllr D'Lima stated that road conditions were as bad as ever and reiterated the use of the online tool to report pot holes.

Cllr Catchpole advised that the edges of Kiln Lane near the bridge had broken down and were in a dangerous condition. **Cllr D'Lima agreed to report the damage online.**

The issue of dirty road signs was raised and all those present felt that a small community group could tackle the issue. It was agreed that the cleaning should be scheduled for sometime between the end of August and early October. **Cllr Kaines agreed to circulate a leaflet to all residents.**

- 41 **Correspondence:** The Clerk informed that MSDC Minerals and Waste Local Plan had been published online asking for anyone who had previously submitted comments to go online and reiterate them. The consultation period ends of 23 July 2018.

MSDC had also published online the joint BMSDC Joint Housing Strategy. The consultation period would start on 21 September and last until 1 November 2018.

Finally, District Cllr Barker had circulated correspondence regarding his locality award. Applications for funding from this award were welcomed. **The Parish Council agreed applications from this fund would be considered at the Parish Council meeting scheduled in September.**

- 42 **Councillors' Forum:** No Cllrs raised any issues as all had been considered in previous agenda items.

43 **Public Forum:**
Stowlangtoft Charity: A Parishioner again requested a new administrator for the Coal Charity. The new administrator would be the correspondent and be responsible for submitting the financial records on the Charity Commissions website each year. The Parish Council noted that all paperwork was up to date but the next submission would be required in October. Stuart White and Cath Catchpole are trustees of the charity.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Catchpole would make enquiries at the nursing home to see if any residents would qualify for a payout.

Cllr Cassidy agreed to meet with the Parishioner in early October with a view to taking over the administration of the charity.

44 **Date of next meeting:** As the Clerk would be unavailable on Monday 17 September, those present agreed that the next meeting would be moved to Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room, St George's Road.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

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Chairman